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LATEST TIDINGS FROM SPORTLAND

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SAYS FED STARS
ARE NOT SUBJECT
TO WAIVER RULE

St. Louis, Jan. 3.—Phil Ball, principal owner of the St. Louis Cardinals and now head of the St. Louis American League, said last night it was his understanding that the players of the St. Louis Federal league club would not become subject to the waiver rule of organized baseball through his purchase of the Browns.

"Furthermore," he added, "that was the understanding with which Harry F. Sinclair and the other club owners who represented the Federal league in the recent peace negotiations at Cincinnati came away from the meeting at which they signed the peace agreement."

"Suppose the National Commission should decide that the St. Louis Federal players are subject to the waiver rule, would that deter you from buying the Browns?" Mr. Ball was asked.

"I have already bought the Browns," he answered.

"It is my belief that organized baseball agreed to permit without waiver the sale of any Federal league player to any American or National league team which cares to buy."

YALE UNABLE TO
GRAB AL SHARPE
COMMITTEE REPORT

New Haven, Jan. 3.—A conference has been held here by Vance McCormick, chairman of the Yale Committee of Three, to find a new football head coach, and university officials who are directly concerned in the work of the committee. McCormick reported that it is impossible to secure a release of Dr. Albert Sharpe from his work at Cornell. Sharpe is well at Yale, would make an ideal choice to organize a department of athletics at Yale as he has done at Cornell, where he is director of baseball, football, basketball and gymnastics.

The Committee of Three are considering three or four promising Yale coaches, but will not report immediately. A move probably to be made soon will be to add one or two to the committee membership, making it a committee of five.

It has been made clear to the Committee of Three that they are desired by the university officials to establish football, if not other sports, on an efficient basis at Yale, and that their work will not cease when they have recommended a new head football coach.

With them as a sort of cabinet the new coach will have the advantage of the best Yale athletic traditions in starting his career as director of athletics at the university, for all shades of university sentiment and implicit confidence in the judgment of the committee who have been chosen to reorganize athletics.

MRS. SHEVLIN IS
VERY RICH WOMAN

New Haven, Jan. 3.—Mrs. Thomas Shevlin, widow of the famous football coach, who has just died, will be one of the wealthiest women in America.

Her husband's estate is said to be worth more than \$20,000,000. Added to this his \$1,500,000 life insurance and the size of the inheritance may easily be computed. All of it goes to the widow and her daughter.

Mrs. Shevlin, before her marriage, was a noted southern beauty—Elizabeth Sherley of Kentucky.

The wedding took place in 1909. The engagement had been a romantic one, broken by Mrs. Shevlin's jealousy, then renewed again after three years.

Shevlin, as victorious captain of the Yale eleven, is said to have stood on the gridiron and at the end of his triumph remarked to his coach:

"I've realized my first ambition today—beating Harvard. I've got one more to marry that pretty girl you see sitting there in that box."

The pretty girl turned out to be Elizabeth Sherley, then a reigning beauty in the south.

Shevlin wooed football fashion and carried the attack in November, 1905, only to have her break the troth a month later on account of his jealousy. He felt that she was surrounded by too many admirers.

Shevlin went to Europe in a rage, returned, still smarting, and a little later it was announced that the would-be bride had been married to a Yale architect. When that love affair fell through, along with the denials of the lady's parents, Shevlin gave up two years to business in Minneapolis and then sought again the pretty girl in the box.

Evidently Miss Sherley hadn't forgotten him, for her mother, Mrs. Brannin Sherley, soon gave out the news of the second engagement. The marriage took place a little over a month later.

Lehigh Eleven Again
On Yale's Schedule

South Bethlehem, Pa., Jan. 3.—Four new elevens will be found on Lehigh University's football schedule for 1916, which was made known today. These four are Catholic University, Ursinus, Albright and Susquehanna. The Lehigh athletic authorities are gratified that Yale has asked for another game, especially as it was announced in despatches from New Haven, immediately after the struggle last October in which Lehigh lost to the Blue 7 to 6, that Lehigh would be dropped. The Yale date will be October 13. Then, too, a new two year contract between Penn State and Lehigh has been signed and next season's game will be played here at Taylor's Stadium on November 11.

LAWSON ROBERTSON MAY COACH
THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
TRACK TEAM NEXT SEASON

LAWSON ROBERTSON

New York, Jan. 1.—Rumors are now in circulation to the effect that Lawson Robertson, the coach of the Irish-American C. C. team, has been offered a position as coach of the University of Pennsylvania track team for next season. Robertson has turned out a crack team for the Irish-American club here for several years and is now cracked among the best handlers of athletes in the country. Athletic experts are of the opinion that Robertson would be a great success at Penn.

SPORT TALK

HANDED OUT
BY WAGNER

Ira Thomas Talks Baseball.
Ira Thomas, who looks after Connie Mack's youngsters, thinks that peace negotiations in the baseball world will mean a prosperous season in 1916. The big fellow spent New Year's with relatives in Connecticut, where he got his start in baseball.

"Baseball peace will mean that the club owners will have a happier time of it this season," said Ira to a reporter for The Farmer yesterday. "The entrance of the Reds, with their habit of grabbing off stars at fabulous salaries, hurt organized baseball. The owners in the big leagues, for the most part, had pretty hard sledding for the past two years."

"The culmination of the Reds will strengthen the two major leagues, of course, in a great many ways. One of the most important will be that the magnates will have a chance to make a little change in 1916, a welcome relief from the program of the past two years."

Ira also thinks that the disorganization of the Federal league will make a lot of good players available for leagues of the calibre of the Eastern Association. Thomas went to Philadelphia, Sunday, where he is kept busy in the winter months caring for a few city blocks and other valuable realty interests that he owns.

Football on the Pacific Coast is not so bad after all. The Washington State team beat the Brown University eleven by 14 to 6 Saturday in a game played in the rain at Pasadena. Cal. Brown held the Washington boys scoreless in the first half but line bucking gave the westerners two touchdowns in the last half.

The Chicago University baseball team in its invasion of the Orient won 17 straight games before it was beaten by 3 to 2 by the Reach All-American nine in the Philippines.

It is reported from Vermont that Ray Collins, the Boston Red Sox southpaw, intends to retire from baseball. He had a bad season in 1915 and it was said that Owner Lannin of the Red Sox intended to allow Collins' salary if the southpaw were retained. Perhaps that is why Ray talks of retiring.

Dr. Harry Williams, the Minnesota coach, is said to be the man most favored for coach of the Yale football squad. He has been visiting friends in New Haven and is said to have talked with the committee which has been named to select the coach.

Champion Freddy Welsh and Johnny Dundee will be the principals in the star bout when the Seventy-Fifth Regiment holds a show in its armory January 13 in New York. There has been some objection by other sport promoters since the military company in New York began to take a up boxing. The fact that the military boys don't have to pay any rent for the hall gives them an unfair advantage, the promoters claim.

Last year the owner of the Chicago Federals declared his club could beat the Red Sox for the world's title. Now since his club has been merged with the Chicago Cubs, Owner Weeghman says his manager doesn't have over four players good enough to get consideration as members of the combined clubs.

MORAN AND J.M.
COFFEY TO CLASH
ON FRIDAY NIGHT

New York, Jan. 3.—Fistic fans of this city will be afforded an opportunity this week to judge for themselves whether Jim Coffey, the Dublin Giant, is a real fighter worthy of a crack at Jess Willard's crown, or if his jaw is composed of the material they use in windows. The Dublin Giant is scheduled to mingle with his conqueror, Frank Moran, of Pittsburgh, for ten rounds on Friday evening at Madison Square Garden, the scene of their first encounter.

This bout tops the fights for the week, the majority of the other combats being made up of local talent. There was a first class attraction scheduled for tomorrow night at the Broadway A. C. between Johnny Dundee, the East Side Italian, and Phil Bloom. However, this bout was called off yesterday afternoon because Bloom has the grip.

The Coffey-Moran encounter means much to both of the fighters. The Dublin Giant is fully aware that another licking at the hands of Moran will eliminate him for some time as a candidate for a crack at Jess Willard. If on the other hand Coffey should put the Pittsburgh fighter to sleep for ten seconds, it will not be long before Billy Gibson has him in the ring with the title holder.

RIBBONS TO PLAY
TWO GAMES HERE
TOMORROW NIGHT

The first basketball double header of the season will be seen at Colonial hall tomorrow night when the Blue Ribbons will meet two teams in the same evening. The usual custom is to have a preliminary contest and reserve the Blue Ribbons for the main game but Manager Leavy has decided to see if his men can stand the gaff in two contests. The Naugatuck five has been clamoring for a chance. The valley boys declare they are the best aggregation in the state and have agreed to take nothing but expenses if they lose. If they win they are to get \$100. They are permitted to use any player in the state and to bring their own referees. This will be the second game.

In the first game the Ribbons will play Joe Jeannette's team from New York. The well known boxer claims his five is a strong one and will make the Ribbons hustle to win. The first game will be called at 7:45. The lineup:

RIBBONS.	STARS.
Clinton	R. F. Jeannette
Beckman	L. F. Doyle
Leonard	L. F. Harvey
Swenson	C. G. Corrigan
Smith, Roach	L. G. Bruggy

BRESNAHAN WON'T
BE MAGNATE YET

Chicago, Jan. 3.—Roger Bresnahan, manager of the Chicago Nationals, in a statement yesterday announced he would do nothing toward purchasing the Cleveland American franchise for the purpose of transferring it to Toledo until his status with the Chicago club had been cleared up. Charles Weeghman, owner of the Chicago Federals, had previously announced that if the transfer of the Federals, would lead the club when he had completed the deal to take over the Nationals.

Young McAdiffe, Mike Farrell and Larry Williams began training today in Stratford for their bouts. McAdiffe knows he will meet a dangerous boy in Johnny Drumma. The latter has fought some of the topnotchers and he knows every angle of the game. McAdiffe has the punch and has improved enough in boxing skill lately to give him confidence.

Larry Williams, who tackles Sailor McGrath in the semi-final, is the type of boxer the fans like. He is rushing at his man all the time and has won his last bouts by the knockout route. McGrath, who is from Brooklyn, claims the middleweight championship of the United States navy.

Jerome Hennessy, who made such a hit with local enthusiasts in the Christmas show, will take on Tommy Shea in the second bout of the evening and Kid Alberts of New York will box Mike Farrell of Stratford in the opener.

MASKED MARVEL
TO TACKLE LEWIS

The "Mysterious Masked Marvel" will appear in the international wrestling tournament at the Manhattan Opera House tonight for a finish bout with "Strangler" Lewis. The question which is the better man on the mat has been further complicated by Lewis wrestling to a draw with Alexander Aberg, the world's champion.

It is claimed that Lewis threw the "Masked Marvel" by a fluke on the occasion of their first meeting. After granting the unknown a return match they wrestled two hours to a draw which caused tonight's bout to be arranged.

Three persons were killed and 12 badly injured in a collision between a freight and passenger car near LaPorte, Ind.

FUNERAL DESIGNS AND
BOUQUETS,
JOHN HENSON, SON.

M'GRAW HAS MADE MANY
POOR DEALS IN PAST YEARS

Costly Mistakes in Letting Groh, Gowdy and Herzog Get Away.

New York, Jan. 3.—Several years ago, when John McGraw asked for waivers on a player, it was a pretty safe sign that such a player was done. In fact, other managers usually considered it wisdom to stay off a player McGraw was cutting loose. There was a boast among Mac's friends that whenever he put a waiver tag on a player the unhappy youth might as well kiss his big league job goodbye.

However, in recent years conditions have changed a great deal. There is a big bunch of capable talent scattered through the National League which formerly swore loyalty to John McGraw, and drew their pay checks from the National Exhibition Co.

In fact, a team of ex-Giants may be picked from several major league teams, which could put it all over McGraw's tail-end combination of last fall. How would this team line up?

Gawdy, Braves, 1b.; Groh, Reds, 2b.; Herzog, Reds, ss.; Stock, Phillies, 3b.; Becher, Cardinals, 1b.; Becker, Phillies, cf.; Murray, Cubs, rf.; Snodgrass, Braves, utility; Bresnahan, Cubs; Wilson, Chifed-Cubs; Hartley, Slouf-Browns, c.; Rudolph, Braves; Demaree, Phillies; Chalmers, Phillies; Marquard, Superbas; Ames, Cardinals; Crandall, Slouf-Browns, pitchers.

That team perhaps could not have licked the Red Sox in the World's Series, but it should have made a pretty good showing in last year's National League race, and might have made the going rather tough for the Phillies.

McGraw has had the misfortune to pull off several rather unfortunate deals in recent years, and the worst deal in McGraw's life was the trade with Cincinnati in 1913 by which the Reds received Ames, Devore and Groh for Art Fromme. Groh is perhaps the leading third baseman in the game today, Fritz Mabel of the Yanks being his only close rival. Heine is worth 17 bushels of Frommes. Red Ames was an unlucky pitcher for the Giants, but Leon usually gave the other side a run for their money. As to Fromme, perhaps the least said is soonest mended.

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Next to the Fromme deal, the swap by which Herzog and Hartley were sent to Cincinnati for Becher was the prize boner. McGraw blames this deal on John Foster, as John B. pulled off the deal while McGraw, Comiskey and Callahan were circumnavigating the globe.

What made this deal look so bad was the fact that Shafer retired during the same winter, and instead of strengthening the finest third basemen in the game, McGraw had only a kid shortstop to play third, Milton Stock.

However, Stock, too, was sent away to help bring the veteran Lobert to New York, and that was a five-year As for Milton he finished the season as third baseman on the Phillie National League Champions, and played a smart, steady game. Demaree and Jack Adams, a kid catcher, also shared in World's Series money last fall, because they were sent to Quakertown in the Lobert deal.

Hank Gowdy was tossed in as excess baggage when the Giants swapped Al Bridwell to the Braves for Herzog in 1911, but it is due entirely to Mac that Long Hank is a catcher. Gowdy came to the Giants late in 1910 as a first baseman, who had hit pretty well in Texas, and for a while he was permitted to finish out games at first for Merkle.

McGraw, however, advised Hank to try catching, and he was an extra with Bridwell. Boston used Hank as a first baseman, but he soon drifted to the International League, where he took up catching for good, and was recalled by Stallings when the Big Chief was named as the Braves' manager.

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Jesse Burkett, once a famous hitter in the big show and a prosperous, successful manager in the minor leagues, will blossom forth as a scout for the Cleveland Indians.

It used to be bad enough managing the Browns with only 26 players on the roster, but pity Fielder Jones with more than 50 to look after.

Tommy Connolly, the American League umpire, won a turkey at a match shoot held not far from his home in New England the day before New Year's. Under the conditions the victor was at liberty to go out and select any bird he fancied. So Tom sallied forth and purchased a turkey that looked like an ostrich.

"Colleges want Houghton system," enlightens a headline. Yes, and the baseball managers would like the Mack system, and a McInnis, Collins, Congress convenes tomorrow.

ROAST CAMP FOR
TAKING MACOMBER
FROM HIS ELEVEN

Walter Camp, Yale football adviser, has aroused a storm of criticism in the Middle West by dropping Bartlett Macomber of the Illinois eleven from his All-American team and placing Elmer Quillen Oliphant of West Point on his first eleven.

When Camp chose his third eleven it was discovered that he had picked Halligan of Nebraska, a coach, as a member, but he promptly placed another player in Halligan's position. Now comes the change in Camp's All-American selection.

In a letter to Collier's printed in the Jan. 1 number, Mr. Camp says: "I wish, indeed, we might go back to the old times when I had a few days after the final game of the season to check up the very voluminous records of all the men. This year in this rush there was not time to compare carefully, game for game, the full records of Oliphant and Macomber, the former having some so fast in his final game that he is entitled to first place."

Mr. Camp gave Macomber a place at half back on his first team and Oliphant was chosen for his second eleven, but later shifted these two players. It is contended in the West that Oliphant was ineligible for the mythical All-American team inasmuch as he had competed three years in athletics at Purdue University before his graduation and entrance to the West Point Military Academy. Several colleagues in Chicago who favored the retention of Macomber on the first eleven wired the following protest to Mr. Camp:

"The local papers indicate that an unwarranted change has been suggested in Mr. Camp's All-Star team, replacing Bartlett Macomber, a member of the national intercollegiate champions of Chicago, as a member of Mr. Camp's All-Star team."

"That any change should be made at this time, since the publication of your official All-Star selection, is only to the discredit of Mr. Camp; for it is hardly possible that he would displace a man who in two years has proved himself of all-star material, but that he should be shifted in favor of a man who has graduated from college, so far as football is concerned, in the colleges of the West, and who, having completed his three years of football in this section, has played additional years under the rules of West Point and would be ineligible to compete with our western or eastern colleges, is absurd."

HEBREW FIVE TO PLAY
WATERBURY TONIGHT

A new basketball team was organized last week at the Bridgeport Boys' Club. The boys comprising the team are all Jewish youths and all belong to the Young Men's Hebrew association of this city. The team will be called the Y. M. H. A. basketball team.

This new organized team will play the fast Waterbury five tonight at the Boy's club at 7:30 o'clock. After the game tonight, dancing will be enjoyed. The local team comprises the following: Charles Morris, Sam Sherman, S. Mooney, Al. Earlight, L. Stein, and M. Fytelson.

Barry and Baker infield, too.

All this "peace on earth" sentiment will vanish into the thin cold ether when the clubs start bidding for Leo Magee, Benny Kauff, George Anderson and a few other stars of the Federal League.

Josh Devore may break into the big show again this year. Pat Moran is thinking of taking him on the training trip and giving him a chance with the Phillies. Josh is now managing the Chillicothe club, of the Ohio State League.

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